

Election Board's decision upheld by CSUN Judicial Council

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The CSUN Judicial Council upheld the election board's decision to disqualify Chris Robertson from running for president during a meeting held on April 2.

This decision was the final stage after much debating and petitioning on Robertson's part over a personal ad which was in violation of the elections board policy.

The ad was placed in the Yellin' Rebel by Jeff Jordan, member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, wishing a brother "good luck" in the upcoming election for the CSUN presidency.

That brother was Chris Robertson, and due to a campaign violation caused by the personal run by Jordan, Robertson was disqualified from the election.

This decision to disqualify Robertson from the race was decided by the CSUN Elections Board meeting on March 21.

The meeting determined the ad was considered campaigning, and was run on March 20, one day prior to the legal campaign date, the 21 of March.

Paige Zielinski, chairperson of the elections board was present at the meeting and said, "Her board had made the proper decision."

The vote during the meeting was 3-2 deciding the personal ad

was considered a form of campaigning and Jordan was considered a recognized supporter.

Recently on March 29, during a CSUN Senate meeting, a motion to make an emergency motion was proposed by Senator Scott Bennett and seconded by President Joe Bunin. The motion was carried and Bennett yielded the floor to Senator James Swank.

The motion made by Swank was to introduce a referendum on the general ballot for Wednesday April 4 and Thursday April 5 to read, "Due to the controversy perceived by constituents or current seats on election we propose the invalidation and or postponement of the current election and a valid election will be held within one month after an elected board of Policy passes that extension."

This was disputed by Joe Bunin saying that Robertson had no legal ground to propose this to the Senate because it was not up to the Senate to make a decision.

Only through the judicial council approval would Robertson be able to appeal his case.

Bunin also argued the fact that five weeks prior, Robertson had filed a legal complaint that was heard during an elections board meeting stating that Joe Bunin had violated the early campaigning rule due to a story run by the Yellin' Rebel which stated that Bunin, Wil-

lard and Polovina would all be running for reelection.

The outcome of the senate meeting was that Robertson did not have justification through the senate and the only means to overturn the election board's decision would be through an appeal to the judicial council.

The case was continued by Robertson during a judicial council hearing on March 30.

During the preliminary hearing of Robertson vs. CSUN Elections Board, Robertson proposed new information providing support for his complaint.

His first argument was the Yellin' Rebel should not have run the ad because the deadline was not met, but due to a turnover in the office manager's position, Jan Isley, the current office manager, was unaware the deadline pertained to personal ads.

The second argument was the definition of a recognized supporter. Jeff Jordan was present as a witness and assured the council he was unaware of the date for campaigning, and didn't consider the personal a campaign, but viewed it simply as a "personal good luck" to Robertson.

When asked the question if Jordan considered himself a supporter, Jordan replied "no."

At the time the ad was placed Jordan said he had not decided who

he was officially supporting for president due to the fact he had not seen both candidates' issues and beliefs.

After many arguments by Dan Bunin, Joe Bunin and members of the gallery, deliberation was called by the judicial council to make a decision.

The result of this preliminary hearing was a vote of 5-0-0 in favor of a formal hearing of the judicial council to determine to uphold or overturn the election board's decision of March 21.

After a formal hearing on April 2nd by the judicial council and a vote of 5-0-0, the council's decision was to uphold the election board's ruling.

Dan Bunin, chairman of the publications board felt the judicial council had made the correct decision. "They did what they had to do," Bunin said.

"The elections board had previously made the right decision after reasonable consideration of the complaint and evidence provided."

According to the decision, Joe

Bunin said, the "council made a fair decision", but due to the outcome will the publicity hurt him?

Bunin responded by saying that "it will hurt in the sense that I haven't done a good job in explaining to the public both sides."

"I have learned that you have to defend yourself even when you're right," Bunin said.

After the decision was made, Robertson felt that he had received a just trial. "It was a much fairer trial than I had expected," Robertson said.

"One thing that bothered me was the fact that two days ago it was unanimous that I had a case, and now it was unanimously decided that I had none, no split, no abstention," Robertson said.

"I fought hard to give students a choice."

Robertson said his next step will be to submit all information of the past proceedings, hearings, and petitions to all the UNS Board of Regents.

Everyone is invited to bike through Red Rock

By Bonar Tucker
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UNLV's Bicycle Club is inviting everyone to join them on a 13-mile ride of Red Rock's scenic loop which culminates with a barbeque and picnic at Willow Springs.

The club is hosting the barbeque but asks for a \$2 donation to recoup some of the costs.

"I'm expecting about 30 members and another 30 students to ride with us," said the president of the group. "Spring Valley Bike Club will also have some members riding so I'm guessing there will be about 100 of us."

The club started just six weeks ago with 15 people, said the loop they will be riding that day is somewhat difficult. "There's nothing to be embarrassed about if a rider has some trouble and wants to walk awhile," he said. "There will also be a truck picking up anyone who wants a ride after an hour on the bikes."

The Bicycle Club also takes Sunday morning rides to different areas. This ride is divided into two groups, one being a beginning group traveling 10 to 15 miles and the other being more of a training group, traveling 20 to 30 miles. A more experienced rider always goes along

with the beginning group.

About 50 percent of the club is made up of beginning cyclists. "One girl didn't even have a bike when she joined and now she is the treasurer of the group," he said.

David Carnivalli, founder of the Bicycle Club, said he was aware of a big meeting of the legislative subcommittee concerning bicycle safety after seeing flyers about it in bike shops.

"I knew about 4,000 students ride around campus so I decided to get the club started," he said. "Word spread and we've grown. Since then, we set up booths each week on campus for bike lanes in Vegas and presented these petitions with 300 signatures to the legislative subcommittee."

Bicycling Magazine said, in its April issue, that Las Vegas was rated sixth in the nation of worst cities to be riding a bike in. There is only a small number of bicycle paths and none which cross town. Some of the newer developments are building provisions within their communities but it is up to the county to take the provisions and connect them.

The legislative subcommittee will act on the idea to have more bicycle lanes and create a task force to look at the problem.

In Las Vegas, bicycles have been used since December, '89 by Bally's Security Department. A spokeswoman for that department said there are three officers on each of three shifts on bicycles patrolling the outside grounds. "It was done on a volunteer basis and the officers are very positive about it," she said.

The Bicycle Club will also be active in promoting Earth Day activities scheduled for April 22.

"We'll be meeting at Thomas & Mack at 8 a.m. on Earth Day and riding throughout the campus and on Maryland Parkway to get the point across that biking is an environmental issue," Carnivalli said. The club is working on a bicycle valet to get bikes parked and locked safely while owners attend the rest of the day's activities, he added.

Funding for the club has been made possible by Consolidated Students of the University of Nevada and a donation from Gifford Electric. With a strong budget, the rides will continue throughout the summer, members said.

For more information about the Bicycle Club's activities and events, call 737-3102. RSVP is requested by April 6 for the Red Rock ride and picnic.

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